Education and skill development will empower people to take advantage of employment opportunities. Special programmes will be implemented to develop skills, enhance technological levels and provide marketing channels for people engaged in traditional occupations.

Violation of labour laws

2992. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the statutory provisions meant for the protection of the labour interests are not being implemented by many industrial units;

(b) whether Government are aware that M/s Super Springs and M/s Garima Springs at D-235, Sector-10, Noida have been violating labour laws with impunity and have not been providing minimum wages, gratuity, provident fund and ESI facilities to its employees;

(c) the action being taken against these companies including their seizure and penal action;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EIvLPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected *avA* will be laid on the Table of the House.

Report Of Centre of Concern for Child Labour

2993. SHRI ABANI ROY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "32 million child labourers in India" as reported in Statesman dated 4th April, 2000;

(b) if so, w/hether the Centre of Concern for Child Labour has recently submitted a detailed report to Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the further steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) to (d) Government has noted